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In this tense hour as our government strives to allay the threat of war, Mr. Allan Dulles, head of the Central Intelligence Agency and Undersecretary of State Herbert Hoover Jr., are constantly at the President's elbow. The nation has no abler team to handle these troublous times.

But last night over the radio comes Senator Kefauver's bray, "linking" the name of Undersecretary Hoover with Arabian oil. This was a cheap and deliberate last-minute campaign lie for, as the Senator well knows there is not, nor has there ever been, any such link.

The truth is that Undersecretary Hoover is one of the ablest and most honorable men in government today. He first proved his worth by settling the oil dispute between Iran and England a few years ago, when everyone else had failed.

Before assuming his present high position as top aide to the now-stricken Secretary Dulles, Mr. Hoover (who has never had any connection with Arabian oil) divested himself of every investment which possibly could conflict with his duties in the State Department. This Senator Kefauver knew full well before he launched his lie.

It may, however, serve the good purpose of concentrating public attention on the splendid job Undersecretary Hoover is doing in this perilously delicate situation, to which he is bringing to bear all his courageous skill. Should anything happen permanently to incapacitate Secretary Dulles, no more worthy successor could be found to extend his policies than the honorable and highly able young man who, for the past year, has served him so loyally and so well.—W. L. W.

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